

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday February 6, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(69) In the matter of D2007.1.13-MDU Resources, Inc. On January 24, 2004, MDU filed an application for authorization to issue short-term debt securities in an amount up to \$310,000,000 in the form of one or more promissory notes to finance, on an interim basis, the acquisition of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to Grant MDU's request to issue up to \$310,000,000 in the form of one or more promissory notes to finance the Applicant's acquisition of Cascade Natural Gas. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(70) In the matter of D2006.3.36-Qwest Corporation. On August 2, 2006, Qwest Corporation filed a motion to Dismiss Munson Radio from Docket No. D2006.3.36 and to close the docket.

Commissioner Raney moved to dismiss Munson Radio and close the Docket D2006.3.36. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(71) In the matter of N2007.1.7-Qwest Communication Corporation. On January 16, 2007, Qwest Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal QCC07-03.

Commissioner Mood moved to Approve Qwest Communication Corporation Tariff Transmittal QCC07-03 in Docket N2007.1.7. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(72) In the matter of N2007.1.8-CenturyTel. CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. filed Transmittal No. 06-12.

Commissioner Toole moved to Approve CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. Transmittal No. 06-12 in Docket N2007.1.8. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(73) In the matter of N2007.1.9-Ronan Telephone Company. On January 9, 2006, Ronan Telephone Company filed a proposed tariff for adding a service charge for providing duplicate copies of bills.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve Ronan Telephone Company service charge for providing duplicate copies of bills in Docket N2007.1.9. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(74) In the matter of N2007.1.12-Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana. On January 23, 2007, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter No.MT-07-03, Reserve Rotary Telephone Number.

Commissioner Raney moved to Approve Citizen's Advice Letter No. MT-07-03 in Docket N2007.1.12. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(75) In the matter of T-07.1.OTSC. On January 8, 2007 an Order to Show Cause was issued to Eric Rammelt dba Lewistown Taxi, Lewistown, Montana for failure to file liability insurance.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to cancel PSC No. 9310 for failure to file liability insurance. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(76) In the matter of T-07.2.ST. On December 18, 2006 Across Montana Cartages, LLC dba Billings Van and Shuttle Service, Billings, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9434 to Wilson LLC dba Billings Van and Shuttle Service, Billings, Montana.

Commissioner Molnar moved to transfer PSC No. 9434 as applied for. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(77) In the matter of T-07.3.ST. On December 18, 2006 Across Montana Cartages LLC dba Big Sky Sedan Services, Billings, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9332 to Wilson LLC dba Big Sky Sedan Services, Billings, Montana.

Commissioner Molnar moved to transfer PSC No. 9332 as applied for. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(78) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 29, 2007.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 29, 2007. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(79) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Petition for Writ of Certiorari in New York v. FERC regarding FERC regulation of retail electric transactions.

Commissioner Toole moved to join the amicus brief of the California Public Utility Commission support the petition for a writ of certiorari filed by the New York Public Service Commission. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(80) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.10.143-Complaint against Qwest. Commissioner Raney moved to deny the motion of Qwest and require Qwest to file a formal answer in the complaint, clarifying in the order that the complainants made a prima facie showing in the matter. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Toole was recused.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday February 7, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(81) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.6.82 - In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Limited, BBI US Holdings Pty. Ltd., BBI US Holdings II Corp., and BBI Glacier Corp for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of NorthWestern Corporation Pursuant to a Merger Agreement.

Commissioner Raney moved to dismiss the CELP motion to make public the redacted testimony and to deny CELP's motion asking for additional time to file testimony. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division  
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(82) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters.

Commissioner Mood moved to support the MDU amendment to HB 427. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Toole voted no.

Commissioner Raney moved to oppose SB 408 for the purposes of offering an amendment to delete the PSC from the review anticipated. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday February 9, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner via telephone  
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(83) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE consolidated dockets D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103.

Commissioner Toole moved to direct staff to issue the necessary procedural schedule for responses to motions for reconsideration and replies to responses.

Commissioner Mood seconded the motion. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar, who later voted yes, making the vote 5-0.

(84) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the FCC inaction on 2<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit remand.

Commissioner Toole moved to direct staff to suggest in the conference call with Vermont that a letter be drafted to be sent to the FCC prior to any legal action. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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